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## TOMORROW'S RACE TIPS

Double Tenth Meet

(By "THE TURF")

### FIRST RACE

Happy Season  
Kelly  
Romebud  
Outsider: Jinx

### SECOND RACE

Peggy  
Fenwick  
National Congress  
Outsider: Tootie

### THIRD RACE

Argentine Moon  
V-J Day  
Wilhelmina  
Outsider: Spanish Onion

### FOURTH RACE

Airfield  
Emperor's Gate  
Jackal  
Outsider: Betty Lou

### FIFTH RACE

Norze Queen  
Bashful Beauty  
Daisy Bell  
Outsider: Shannon

### SIXTH RACE

Canary  
Honeybelle  
Golden Wheel  
Outsider: Souvenir

### SEVENTH RACE

Masterpiece  
Cooper  
Lucky Strike  
Outsider: Speedaway

## Commonwealth Tariffs Plan

London, Oct. 8.—British experts who, it was learned authoritatively tonight, will examine the possibility of an Empire Customs Union, are likely to work out a plan involving a new form of preferential tariff within the Commonwealth. The principle of absolute free trade finds no favour among the Dominions, it was stated.

The experts, representing the Board of Trade, the Treasury and the Commonwealth Relations Office, will prepare a report for submission to the Cabinet, which will decide whether it should be sent on to the Dominion governments when their Prime Ministers come to Britain for Princess Elizabeth's wedding next month.

Britain has hardened her attitude towards the United States claims in the trade talks at Geneva, where a deadlock still exists on the problem of imperial preferences, according to a reliable authority. It has been made clear that the Commonwealth countries cannot reduce imperial preferences without some immediate compensation.—Reuter.

## EDITORIAL

### Russia's Latest Move

THE establishment of a clandestine Communist Information Bureau—engineered and carried through by Moscow—has produced sharp and lively reactions among the non-Communist countries, notably the United States and Britain. The move has been described as a "clear declaration of political warfare," while other observers suggest this is the prelude to Russia's withdrawal from the United Nations. Both may turn out to be exaggerations, but whatever the intention behind this sudden development, it cannot be regarded as anything less than a widening of the breach between eastern and western Europe. Just what the activities of the Bureau will be there is at present little evidence, but it is not unreasonable to regard such an organisation as a reconstituted Comintern, radiating under a more high falutin title. The sinister network of political intrigue and sabotage which the original Comintern spread throughout the world was notorious, and is still remembered. Any attempt by the Communist International Information Bureau to follow the same pattern will call for concerted resistance among the democracies, whose freedom of political thought is a prized possession. At the moment it would appear that the Kremlin

## No Telegraph Tomorrow

Tomorrow, being the Double Tenth anniversary, and a public holiday, there will be no publication of the Hongkong Telegraph. The South China Morning Post will publish as usual tomorrow, but will not issue a paper on Saturday morning. The Telegraph will publish as usual on Saturday, and the paper will contain, not only its usual weekend features, but Friday's world news, holiday sport, and the result of the ZBW questionnaire.

## Fight To Curb Cholera Epidemic

Cairo, Oct. 8.—The Egyptian medical authorities worked feverishly today to curb the dread cholera epidemic before the start of winter weather. The South China Morning Post will publish as usual tomorrow, but will not issue a paper on Saturday morning. The Telegraph will publish as usual on Saturday, and the paper will contain, not only its usual weekend features, but Friday's world news, holiday sport, and the result of the ZBW questionnaire.

### 10% DEATH RATE

He said, "Of all cholera cases which have been isolated and treated not more than 10 percent died. This is due mainly to the most modern measures employed by the Ministry of Public Health to combat the epidemic."

An overwhelming majority of deaths from positive cases occurred in Sharikah province, north of Cairo. The lack of drinking water and poor sewage systems in poorer peasant districts retarded the disease rate.

The anti-cholera campaign struck its highest snag when panicky thousands inside infected areas slipped through the police and army cordons by way of farm trails and tiny irrigation canals.

A tremendous quantity of medical supplies has been flown into Egypt and friendly rivalry has sprung up between diplomatic representatives regarding the amounts contributed by their countries.

It was believed that there was not much chance of the epidemic spreading to other countries because of the stringent measures invoked.—United Press.

## DOLLAR CRISIS WORSENS

### Cripps Foresees "Gradual Economic Strangulation"

London, Oct. 8.—Grave warnings that unless new dollars are made available to Europe in the "quite near future," Britain will be driven to slash her dollar imports still further and thus begin a process which would lead to "gradual economic strangulation," were given here today by Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's newly appointed Minister for Economic Affairs.

Pressed to define the "quite near future," Sir Stafford told a press conference that new import cuts would follow "unless something happens to ease the generally tight situation this year."

He suggested that immediate dollar relief might be given to Britain in various ways, including a new loan from the International Bank.

"We have already begun to dip into our reserve of gold and dollars," he said, "a reserve which is none too big and which serves the whole sterling area. Unless therefore there is some new availability of dollars before long, we shall be obliged to embark upon further import cuts."

"That is the urgency of the present situation so far as we ourselves are concerned," Sir Stafford Cripps declared. "Other countries are faced with the same problem and indeed will not be able to feed their people."

**FAST QUESTIONS**

Replying to fast questioning by some 200 correspondents, Sir Stafford said that Britain was attempting "to get other parts of the sterling area as far as possible to balance their earnings against their expenditure of dollars."

Naturally, it is a difficult matter of adjustment. In some areas it is obviously more difficult than others and depends very largely on the availability of food supplies.

Take the problem of feeding India and Pakistan. The food may only be available in South America—in which case it can only be bought for dollars.

Referring to the recent Commonwealth dollar talks in London, Sir Stafford Cripps hoped that the dollar deficit under this head (dollar account in sterling area) would be much reduced by the action of the sterling area countries who have just concluded, an important conference in London.

**RUBBER PROBLEM**

When another questioner suggested that Britain should encourage the United States to buy more natural rubber from Malaya, Sir Stafford commented: "We are of course anxious that America should buy more natural rubber but it is a difficult and rather complicated problem because it is mixed up with the question of strategic reserves of synthetic producing capacity."

"We have not been backward," Sir Stafford added with a smile, "in making representation that rubber is a very healthy commodity to buy."

The Minister agreed that one temporary solution would be for Britain to draw on the remaining \$400,000,000 of the American loan which Britain suspended drawings in agreement with the United States.

Sir Stafford said that if the remaining \$400,000,000 were unfrozen, this would "very likely enable Britain to get through this year, but how much further would depend on how much we dipped into our reserves," he added.

Estimating Britain's stocks of gold which it holds for the entire sterling area at between £500,000,000 and £600,000,000, Sir Stafford said that no one knew how far this could be run down without reaching a danger point because it had never been done.

The Government could not cut heavily into this reserve unless there was a definite prospect of replenishing it within the near future, he declared.—Reuter.

**GOLD WITHDRAWN?**

London, Oct. 8.—Circumstantial though unconfirmed reports were circulated in London today that a large consignment of gold, taken from Britain's reserves, was on its way to New York.

There was an indication in London that the timing of an official announcement of this news would be arranged so as to have the maximum effect in bringing home to the British public the seriousness of the dollar position.

This was supported by the fact that the movement, as reported, was an actual shipment of gold from Britain's reserves in London and not, as was the sale of £20,000,000 to the United States in mid-September, a

transfer from British reserves held in New York.

The financial effect of the two things is of course the same: The important thing is how much gold Britain owns and just where she holds it.

But at the time of the mid-September sale it was argued in some quarters that a physical shipment from Britain would have had a bigger shock on the public. This has apparently been done on this occasion, even though Britain is still believed to hold some gold in the United States or Canada, which could have been transferred to the United States.

**THE ONLY SOURCE**

It was believed, though not definitely known, that this week's shipment was larger, and perhaps much larger, than £20,000,000 sold in mid-September.

While the \$400,000,000 balance of the United States loan remains unusable, and until Britain can raise the wind by selling her South American utilities or in other ways, the gold reserve is almost the only source for financing the still huge deficit in the balance of dollar payments.

A report of the British Commonwealth sterling area Treasury night, talked of strengthening the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves by cutting dollar imports, but did not speak of doing it by enraging the Empire's gold output.—Reuter.

**900 mph Robot Rocket Plane**

Padstow, England, Oct. 3.—A 900-mile an hour robot rocket aeroplane, first to be used in new experiments with flights faster than the speed of sound, streaked vertically into the sea today, minutes after being launched from a Mosquito bomber at 30,000 feet.

British scientists cautiously refused to comment "for at least a week" until they can collect and plot data recorded by radio from instruments on board the robot—on whether the plane actually passed through the mysterious "sonic barrier" of piled-up air believed to be encountered at very high speeds.

One observer said it appeared to be a "reasonable assumption" that it did since most of the flight was a nose-down power dive.

The robot, 22 feet long with a "skin" of polished mahogany, glided for only 15 seconds and then turned its nose down just as its 2,000 horsepower alcohol motor—adapted from that of the German V-2—belched its first puff of white smoke.

Scientists of the government's Ministry of Supply co-operating with the R. A. F. in the project, said another robot would be launched soon but "not for some weeks."—Associated Press.

**FOR THE FUTURE**

Chicago, Oct. 8.—Brig-Gen Donald Pitt, Deputy Chief of the Engineering Division of Air Materiel Command, said in a speech here today that guided missile capable of travelling 5,000 miles will become a reality within 15 years.

He said with unlimited funds and resources the air force believed a 5,000-mile missile could become a reality within five years, but at a normal peacetime research pace the time probably would be 15 years.

Calling for American air security, Gen Pitt said only 1,010 military aircraft of all types were delivered to the air forces last year compared to 30,000 in 1945 and 70,000 in 1944.—United Press.

## Tobacco Tax Threat

London, Oct. 8.—A veiled threat by the Economic Affairs Minister, Sir Stafford Cripps, at a press conference here tonight that "we might double the tax on tobacco again and see if that will stop people smoking," caused a gloom among smokers and consternation in the trade.

Last April, one of the most severe customs duties ever applied to a popular commodity, "at one blow" sent the price of a packet of 20 cigarettes rocketing from 2/4 to 3/4d a packet, representing a tax increase of 50%. If this tax is "doubled again," the price of a packet of cigarettes would go up to 5/4, a price which would be prohibitive for hundreds of thousands of smokers.—Reuter.

**Palestine Partition**

Lake Success, Oct. 8.—A leading delegate to the United Nations Assembly reported today he had been told by a High State Department official that the United States would support the proposal for partition of Palestine "with perhaps a few modifications."

A spokesman for the United States delegation said a rough draft of the American policy declaration on Palestine had been completed, but he declined to discuss its contents. The United States statement will be made here probably on Thursday or Friday.

A source close to the Soviet delegation said the Russians were waiting to hear the U.S. declaration before making their own policy statement. This source said the Soviet policy was not definitely determined, although Russia was inclined to support a union of a unitary federalised state.

The proposal for a federalised state was recommended by the minority report of the special United Nations Committee on Palestine, but has been opposed by both the Arabs and the Jewish agency for Palestine.

## U.S. EXPECTED TO BACK PROPOSAL

**POLAND'S ATTITUDE**

Poland urged the UN to drop all other proposed solutions to the Palestine problem and concentrate on plans to partition the Holy Land into separate Jewish and Arab countries. At the same time, Poland demanded action to permit immediate immigration of 250,000 European Jewish refugees into Palestine, despite vigorous Arab protests against further Jewish immigration.

Poland's position was outlined by Josef Winiewicz, before the General Assembly's 57-nation Palestine Committee, which already had heard Uruguay and Panama support the partition plan and the Moslem Dominion of Pakistan line up with the Arabs in opposing it. Winiewicz did not specifically accept the partition plan, but he expressed opposition to both the Arab plan for an independent Arab state and the minority recommendations of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) for a federalised state.

Poland's statement made it clear that the Eastern European countries were not following a unified Soviet policy on Palestine. Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia already had taken different positions as members of UNSCOP. Czechoslovakia supported the partition plan and Yugoslavia advocated a federalised state.

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**CEILING SOVEREIGNTY**

Bao Dai had earlier announced that he had accepted an offer by certain Viet Nam delegates from parties other than the Communists to negotiate with the French, who were said to have indicated they would recognise a provisional government headed by Bao Dai.

General Xuan, who today assumed office as President of the Cochinchina Government, declared that his government had agreed to "cede the country's external sovereignty to France," while it was "determined fully to exercise independence in all internal affairs."

A National Army, he agreed, constituted an "integral factor of National sovereignty," but he asked the Viet Nam people to "ponder over the astronomical expenditure necessary for training and keeping up an up-to-date separate National Army in these days of the race for atomic power."

Atomic research studies alone would cost us 150 milliard francs, while an equal amount would be required to perfect radar equipment."

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**PARIS DENIAL**

Meanwhile reports that a "French military offensive in Indo-China" in Tonkin were described by an official of the French Colonial Ministry in Paris as "very exaggerated."

He pointed out that the rainy season does not end until November and, meanwhile, all operations were difficult.

"To talk of a military offensive," he said, "implies that there are two organised armies facing one another, which is not the case."

The spokesman added that "some villages may have asked for protection and some French troops may have advanced accordingly. We have relatively few troops in the north. Our policy is that of progressively extending protection by helping villagers to defend their villages and by stationing small units of troops where they are asked for. The villagers know who is fighting against them, and if threatened they warn us."—Reuter.

**Trade More Important Than Politics**

Liverpool, Oct. 8.—The Minister of Food, Mr. John Strachey, declared here today that Britain and the Soviet Union must forget their political differences and draw up a new trade agreement which would give the two mutually complementary countries the goods they needed.

Speaking after he had sampled a consignment of 54,000 tons of frozen fish which had just arrived here as the first consignment of a 7,000,000-ton order from Russia, Mr. Strachey said that he firmly believed that it was essential for Britain to establish better relations with the Soviet Union in and through trade.

"There have been serious political differences between ourselves and Russia in the past two years. They are so deep and intractable that the best course would seem to be, for the time being, to agree to differ in the political field."

"But that regrettable fact does not alter the basic economic realities and one of those realities is that Britain and Russia are mutually complementary rather than competitive in the economic field," he declared.

"Surely it is not beyond the wit of man to devise ways in which an interchange of commodities can be arranged to the immense good of both countries?"

Mr. Strachey added that "if this modest beginning in the restoration of Anglo-Russian trade is to grow into a substantial interchange to both countries, a satisfactory overall trade agreement is necessary."—Reuter.

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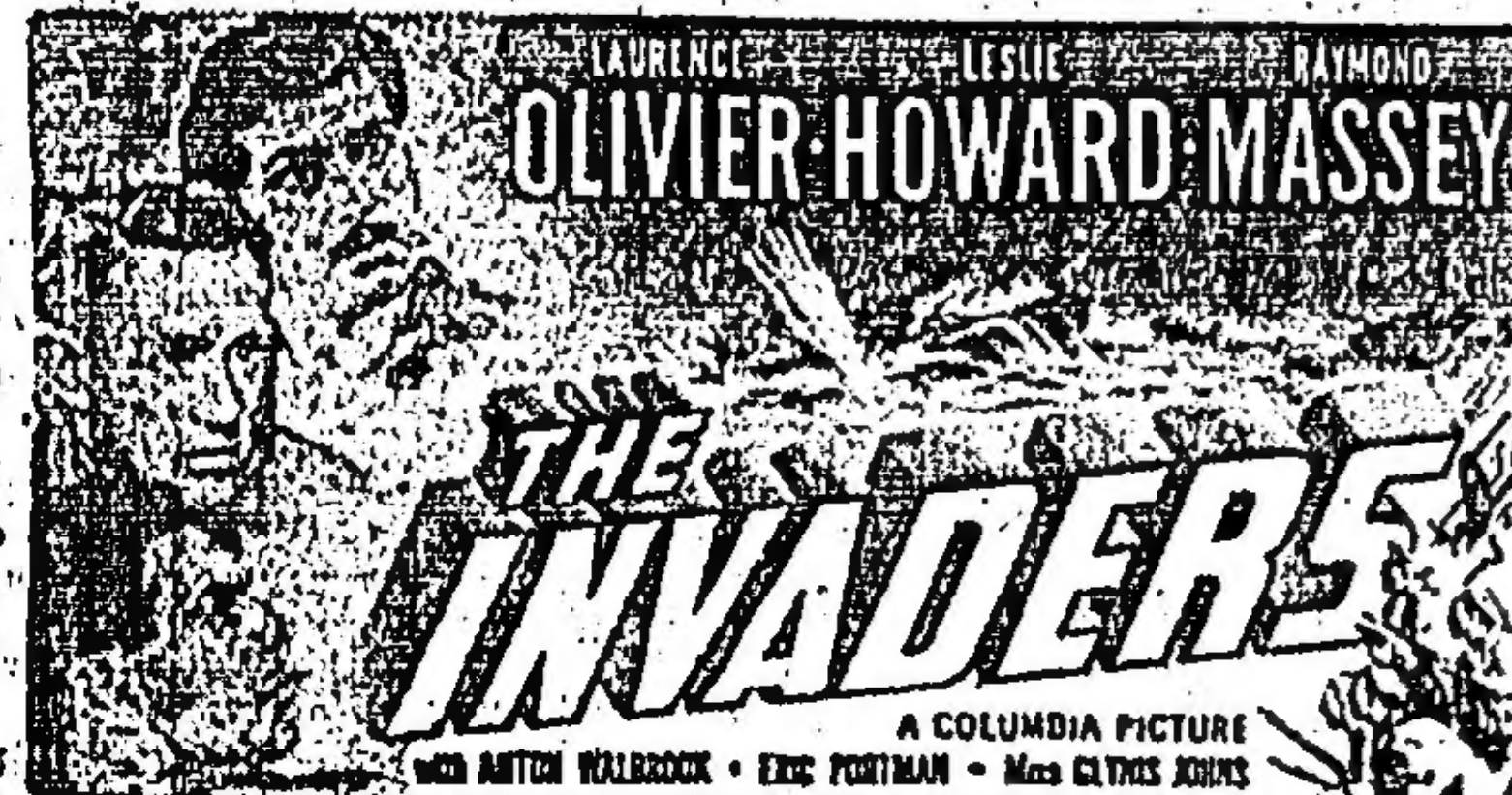
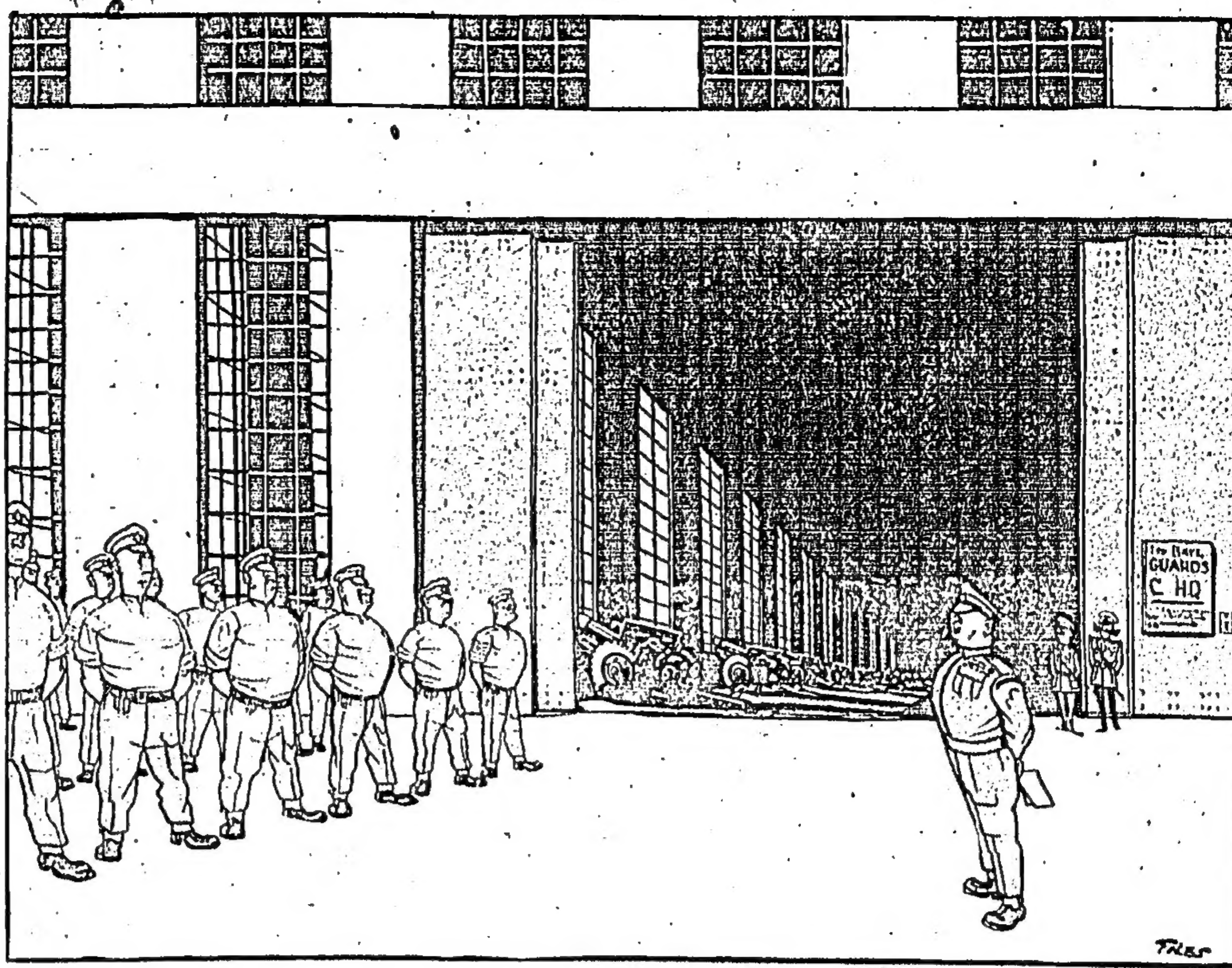
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## Portrait of a 6-hour row among the ladies

HOW HOUSEWIVES CAN BEHAVE  
WHEN THEY REALLY GET GOING

by EVE PERRICK

MOST MEN would have  
felt fine sitting in West-  
minster's Central Hall  
on September 11.For six hours they had a non-  
stop demonstration of the  
theory that women cannot ar-  
gue logically.Seventeen hundred women  
had turned up to talk about the  
British Housewives' League. It  
should have been an ordinary  
company meeting, which men  
would clear up in good time to  
have a friendly drink before  
going home.The women made a riot of  
it.

### The Uproar Begins

THIS is what happened:—

Sharp at 11 o'clock a woman  
sat down at the piano on the  
platform and played the  
National Anthem. As the  
women stood up, Miss Dorothy  
Crisp, their chairman, walked  
down the centre aisle and took  
her place on the platform be-  
hind the table draped with the  
Union Jack and behind the  
centre microphone. (In view of  
what followed this turned out  
to be a good strategic posi-  
tion).Someone stage-whispered to  
her neighbour: "I'm not sure  
she couldn't be charged with  
high treason for that—coming  
in while 'God Save the King'  
is being played."At 11.5 the uproar had start-  
ed. Miss Crisp announced that  
she was in the chair. Suppor-  
ters of Mrs Helen Hart, the  
suspended treasurer and Oppo-  
sition Leader, yelled their dis-  
approval.Miss Crisp ignored cries of  
"Hitler," "Dictator," and an  
explanation from Mrs Hart to  
her supporters: "You see, she  
won't let me get a word in  
edgewise—you know what  
she's like."Still determinedly clutching  
the centre microphone (the  
pink roses and wine-coloured  
veiling on her hat acting in  
agreement every time she em-  
phasised a point with a nod of  
her head) she started on her  
"Alibuster." (Miss Crisp con-  
fessed in a later part of her  
speech that she reads the  
American Press). It was  
then, at 11.20, that the first  
battle of the mikes broke out.

### Mikes Go Dead

BUT in the pandemonium that  
followed Mrs Hart's accusations  
against Miss Crisp, and the League's  
founder, Mrs Lovelock (which Mrs  
Lovelock cut short when she put her  
hand over the left-hand microphone  
and got her bouquet slightly damaged  
by Mrs Hart's account-book in the  
doing), the two side mikes suddenly  
went dead.So at 11.30 Miss Crisp was in  
possession of the sole means of am-  
plification in Central Hall. And she  
spoke into that microphone, almost  
without a break until 5 o'clock.But during that time the amateur  
psychologist was offered a nice line  
in contrast studies—Woman Deter-  
mined and Woman Frustrated. In-  
articulate because they had lost thedeadly weapon, the mike—but far  
from dumb—the Hart supporters in  
the front rows boomed and interrupted  
whether the chairman, not caring  
whether or not she could be heard,  
went on talking.During lulls in the uproar you  
could hear Miss Crisp's remarks:  
"I was empowered to approach  
certain individuals to ask them to  
help us. But for the disorder pro-  
voked by Mrs Hart's meeting last  
Friday I would have been able to  
tell you of a very substantial sum  
placed to our credit."As the crowd yelled, "Yes, we  
know about the Road Haulage Asso-  
ciation—they paid for the Albert  
Hall," Miss Crisp took her hands  
off the microphone. And though  
she and Mrs Lovelock did heated  
in an attempt to get it back Mrs  
Hart was there addressing the au-  
dience.

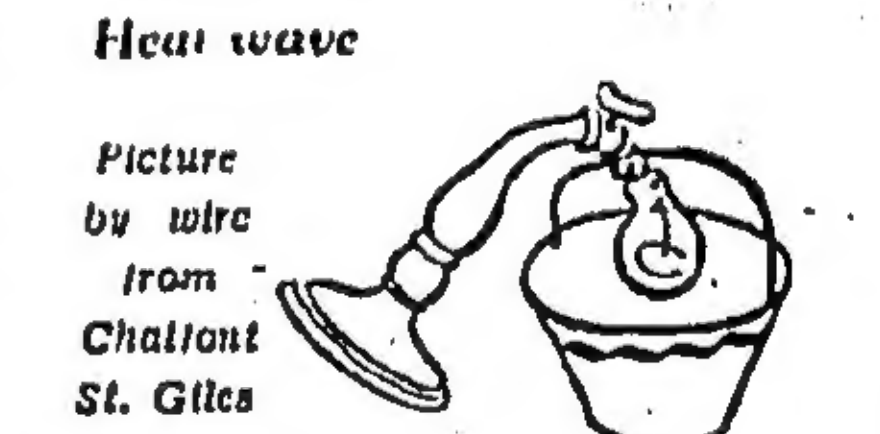
### "Where's My Bag?"

DIRECTLY after lunch things  
seemed a little quieter. Miss Crisp  
was in the third hour of her speech  
and was getting a hearing. Then she  
made her second mistake. She called  
on her supporters to come up on  
the platform and speak for her.In the ensuing uproar (cries of  
"Stick to the agenda," "Let the other  
side have a turn," "No politics") it  
seemed that the morning's battle had  
been a mere rehearsal. Women  
rushed the platform: Mrs Gill from  
Hampton (one of Mrs Hart's friends)  
found a megaphone and started her  
own meetings, private arguments  
broke out all over the hall; the  
microphone was seized and lost,  
seized and lost again by first one  
side then the other.Miss Crisp lost her briefcase. "I  
haven't taken it," yelled Mrs Hart.  
"Great heavens! They'll blame me  
for the next war!"This was the interlude which  
students of Woman the Politician  
would have taken special note of.  
One minute matters of great moment  
were being argued at white heat:  
the next minute it was: "Where's my  
bag?"Some time during the disorder  
Miss Crisp found time and micro-  
phone to attack the Press for re-  
porting the league's activities only  
when there was a fight, and to ask  
for a vote of confidence. But as she  
asked those who voted for her to  
stand up, and nearly every womanthere was already standing up, the  
vote could not properly be taken.  
Someone banged the table too  
hard. The water canister broke. Mrs  
Lovelock fainted and was carried  
out of the hall.Whereupon Miss Crisp gathered up  
her papers and left the platform.  
Questioned by the people nearest her  
she explained: "Well, we got through  
all our business in the usual way,  
so I closed the meeting."But it took the rest of the women  
another half an hour to realise that  
the end had come—before they ru-  
shed into the lobby to queue for tea.POSTSCRIPT: Among those present  
was the husband of Dorothy  
Crisp, Captain John Becker.What did he think about it all?  
"What a pity to have such fuss  
and bother," he said, sadly.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

IN a Sunday newspaper there  
has been going on for some  
weeks now much letter writing  
on the subject of who wrote  
"Chopsticks," that admirable  
piano piece which can be played  
with one hand, while the other  
hand is busy holding a glass, or  
having tea lines read, or holding  
up oncoming traffic.Credit has been given to Borodin,  
Rimsky-Korsakov, Anshur de Lulli,  
Furti, Furti, Lawrence, Daniels and  
several others. Whoever all these  
people are. Forget it. It is not im-  
portant.What I would like to know is who  
wrote that haunting little number for  
the paper and comb, the one which  
goes buzz zzzzzzz, buzzzz zz zz buzzzz  
zzzz buzz zzzz. At any rate, it opens  
like that. Its name escapes me but I  
remember we always played it in G  
flat at school.Almost the slightest enlightenment  
will be welcome.

### Bad story

OUR Uncle once spent the best part  
of a wet Sunday at Blackpool  
designing a foolproof house on the  
hotel stationery. The drawings  
turned out so well that he had the  
thing built.The only trouble was that the  
house went so foolproof that he was  
never able to get inside the thing, andeventually he had to sublet it to a  
long series of people who had no  
children or dogs.

To the pure

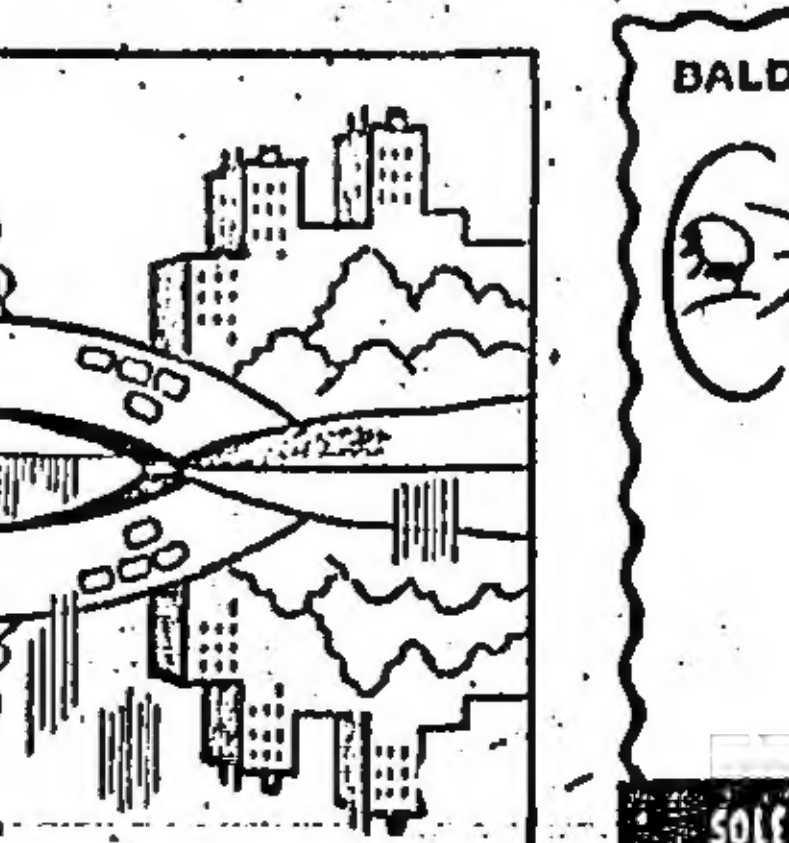
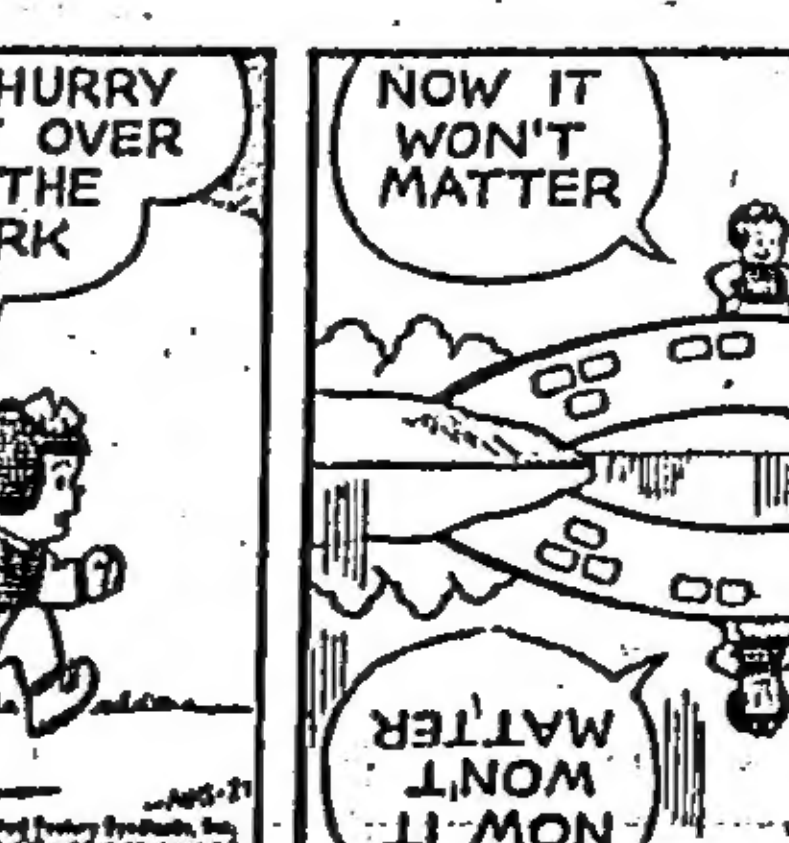
WE see that somehow, somewhere  
(we think), we read that some-  
body is stopping, or trying to stop—  
we don't seem to be certain about this  
paragraph do we?—to stop people  
when advertising rooms flats and  
houses to let from saying "no dogs or  
children."We, in our openhearted way, al-  
ways had the idea that people let  
their flats and houses to dogless and  
childless people because they should  
have kindness and sympathy shown  
them.

Just another ideal gone.

### In your garden

NOW is the time to mulch the rot-  
tlers (angus macphill) and see  
the bands on the rocking stakes are  
wellplanned against rafterworm before you  
put a new ribbon in the lower type-  
writer.

## NANCY Lady in the Lake



By Ernie Bushmiller



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## Hitler Youth Arrests

Vienna, Oct. 8.—Nine young Austrians appeared before a Vienna court today charged with the formation of a "flying squad" on a beach at Klosterneuburg, a Viennese bathing resort.

The police discovered four pistols and 141 rounds of ammunition at the house of one accused, a former Hitler Youth member, who claimed they were "merely souvenirs."

Eight of the nine accused denied any political motives. Four of them were ex-Hitler Youth members.—Reuter.

## FRENCH PLAN TO SETTLE NAZI ASSETS

Vienna, Oct. 8.—A new settlement of the complicated question of "German assets," which he asked the various governments to examine so that the Foreign Ministers might discuss it during the forthcoming London conference, was today proposed by General Cherrier, the French representative on the Four-Power Austrian Commission.

The French delegate's proposal, tabled at the session of the Austrian Treaty Commission today, would divide the German assets into two groups.

The first includes oil concerns, the Danube shipping company and similar enterprises. In the case of oil, Russia would receive all the equipment and drilling material which belonged to Germans when the war ended. Russia would be granted by the Austrian Government new long-term concessions to replace those held by the Germans, which run out in about five years.

In the case of the second group, including most of the remaining German property in Austria, the total value would be fixed and converted into an Austrian debt to the Allies.

This list would correspond to the total value of German property in the zone and would be paid over a period of eight to 10 years. Payment would not begin for some years after the treaty comes into force to enable Austria to recover its balance.

According to French reports, the United States and British representatives declared that the French proposal formed "the only possibility of settling the vexed question of German assets without which no Austrian treaty would be possible during the London Conference."

The Soviet delegate promised that his delegation would "thoroughly examine" the French proposal.—Reuter.

## CUTTING DOWN BRITISH ARMY

London, Oct. 8.—A high government source today said the Government had decided to reduce the armed forces by more than 300,000 men to well below the million mark in the next six months.

The informant said the need to cut military expenses and for manpower in industry in the country's grave economic plight had spurred the rate of demobilisation. He said even greater reductions were contemplated for the fiscal year ending March, 1949.—United Press.

## MORE FUEL CUTS INDICATED

Birmingham, Oct. 8.—Bigger fuel cuts this winter for British householders were "practically certain," Sir Guy Nott-Bower, deputy Secretary of the Fuel Ministry, told the Midlands Regional Fuel Conference here tonight.

Sir Guy, deputising for Mr Emanuel Shillwell, who had been Fuel Minister until Tuesday's Cabinet changes made him War Minister, said that these cuts were almost certain because industrial needs would be more paramount than ever.

A gap between the coal available and the estimated minimum for necessary purposes would demand that the domestic consumer must help much more than he did last year, he added.—Reuter.

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# GRAND MUFTI IN THE LEBANON

Jerusalem, Oct. 8.—The Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Hussein, flew today from the safety of his sanctuary in Egypt to the Lebanon for the express purpose of discussing Arab security in Palestine in the event of the withdrawal of British troops, it was learned from informed Arab circles here tonight.

## STOCKPORT'S MIRACLE OF THE ROSES

Stockport, Oct. 8.—A "miracle" was reported in this North of England town today when a crown of 22 golden roses placed on the statue of the Virgin in St Mary's Church 197 days ago still had not faded.

The roses, which are golden in colour and, though dry, have every appearance of being alive. The petals are firm and now look very much like artificial flowers, when they definitely are not.

Fr James Turner said the roses were bought from a local florist and not specially grown for the occasion.

"What has happened is beyond every law of nature. I believe it is the work of God," he said.

He said the flowers had been placed through the heart, and pointed out that other flowers placed near the Virgin, including golden roses, had withered in the undue heat of the past summer.

He said a full report of the miracle would be forwarded to the Vatican and would be investigated by the Holy See.—United Press.

## HIROSHIMA ATONEMENT

Hiroshima, Oct. 8.—The city authorities here have appropriated 271,000 yen (US\$5,402 at the official rate) to purify the city of death on Hiroshima Island and raise a memorial to the "forgotten dead" who lay unburied and neglected for two years after the Hiroshima holocaust.

Nine hundred bodies are now reported to be roughly interred in shallow air raid shelters into which they were hurried after the atom bombing. It is believed that a majority of the victims died from radioactive poisoning.

The island of desolation, which lies four miles offshore, became the subject of investigation only after the relatives of missing persons had appealed to the authorities to make an intensive search of the island.

It is learned that four days after the Hiroshima bombing, refugees on Hiroshima Island began dying off so rapidly that the authorities had no time to cremate the bodies. Hence the island was abandoned—not to be investigated until last month.

Now Hiroshima city officials seek to atone for past neglect and will not only clean and purify the island but will erect a memorial to the victims.

The memorial is expected to be completed in six months when an elaborate dedication ceremony will be held.—United Press.

## JOHNNY MEYER IN TROUBLE

New York, Oct. 8.—Johnny Meyer, press agent for millionaire Howard Hughes, was today released on \$500 bail and ordered to appear at the special sessions court to answer the charge of cigarette girl Patricia Miles that he is the father of her eight-month-old son.

Meyer was arrested in the smart El Morocco night club early yesterday, and half the late supper crowd trooped in carnival mood to the police station to see him face the music.

Meyer said: "This is small stuff. I've been pushed around by some pretty important people."—United Press.

## RED SUCCESSES IN MANCHURIA

Nanking, Oct. 8.—Government dispatches reported today that the Chinese Communist forces scored fresh successes in Manchuria, blocking the Nationalist attempt to open the strategic Peiping-Mukden railway and intensifying the drive to isolate Mukden.

The Communists dynamited an important railway bridge near Hainin, about 30 miles from Mukden, preventing the Nationalist troops in Manchuria from joining in the drive with troops in China proper to open the Peiping-Mukden railway.—United Press.

The Mufti will attend Arab League sessions in Beirut.

The fact that he risked an air journey over British controlled Palestine is regarded here as indicating the top grade importance of his mission. Arab sources said.

Informed Arab sources here anticipate that the Arab League's discussions will centre on plans to thwart the Zionist diplomatic pressure anticipated at the United Nations and in London to keep the British security forces in Palestine.

The Mufti is also expected to discuss with the leaders of the League, of which he is the President, moves to counter Zionist plans implied in the statement attributed here to David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, that Palestine Jews are "willing to implement a United Nations decision on Palestine."

The League's talks are likely to be in secret, the same Arab sources added.

### Predicted Bloodshed

This is the first time, as far as is known, that the Mufti has left Egypt since he "escaped" from surveillance in France last year.

The Mufti, who been restricted by the British Government from entering Palestine, recently criticised the partition plan of the majority report of the United Nations Palestine Committee, and predicted bloodshed and suffering to all concerned if the recommendations were implemented. Observers in Cairo believe his new exploit indicates an intensifying of the already acute situation in Palestine.

There has been much talk in the Middle East about a "holy war," beginning in Palestine in the not remote future.

Jews, and in this the Mufti, whose prestige is high in Arab countries, would undoubtedly play a leading part.

Details are not available about his journey from Egypt to Beirut, nor as to whether he travelled in disguise.

### Getting Into Open

Since the Mufti travelled by air, there is little likelihood that he adopted any subterfuge, except to ensure his secrecy.

Whether his action was taken on his own initiative or with the connivance of Arab leaders is not known.

His reported arrival in Beirut indicates that he has come more into the open, and whether he will attend the Arab League sessions at Beirut remains to be seen.

It is clear, however, that he can travel from one to another of the Middle East countries by air as he pleases, using his influence on behalf of the Arabs generally and the Palestine Arabs particularly, openly as well as behind the scenes, as he has been doing in Cairo.—Reuter.

### Cunningham's Warning

Jerusalem, Oct. 8.—Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner for Palestine, today declared in a press conference that chaos, misery and possibly bloodshed would follow the British evacuation if a solution or agreement were reached between the Arabs and Jews.

"I am the one who believes that the door is open to Jews and Arabs to get together, particularly as Jewish leaders can be persuaded to realise the dangers which confront them," Cunningham told the press conference.—United Press.

## Calls Pope A War-Monger

Moscow, Oct. 8.—Soviet author Boris Kandelov, writing in the Literary Gazette, today accused Pope Pius of "entirely and openly calling for war against the Soviet Union."

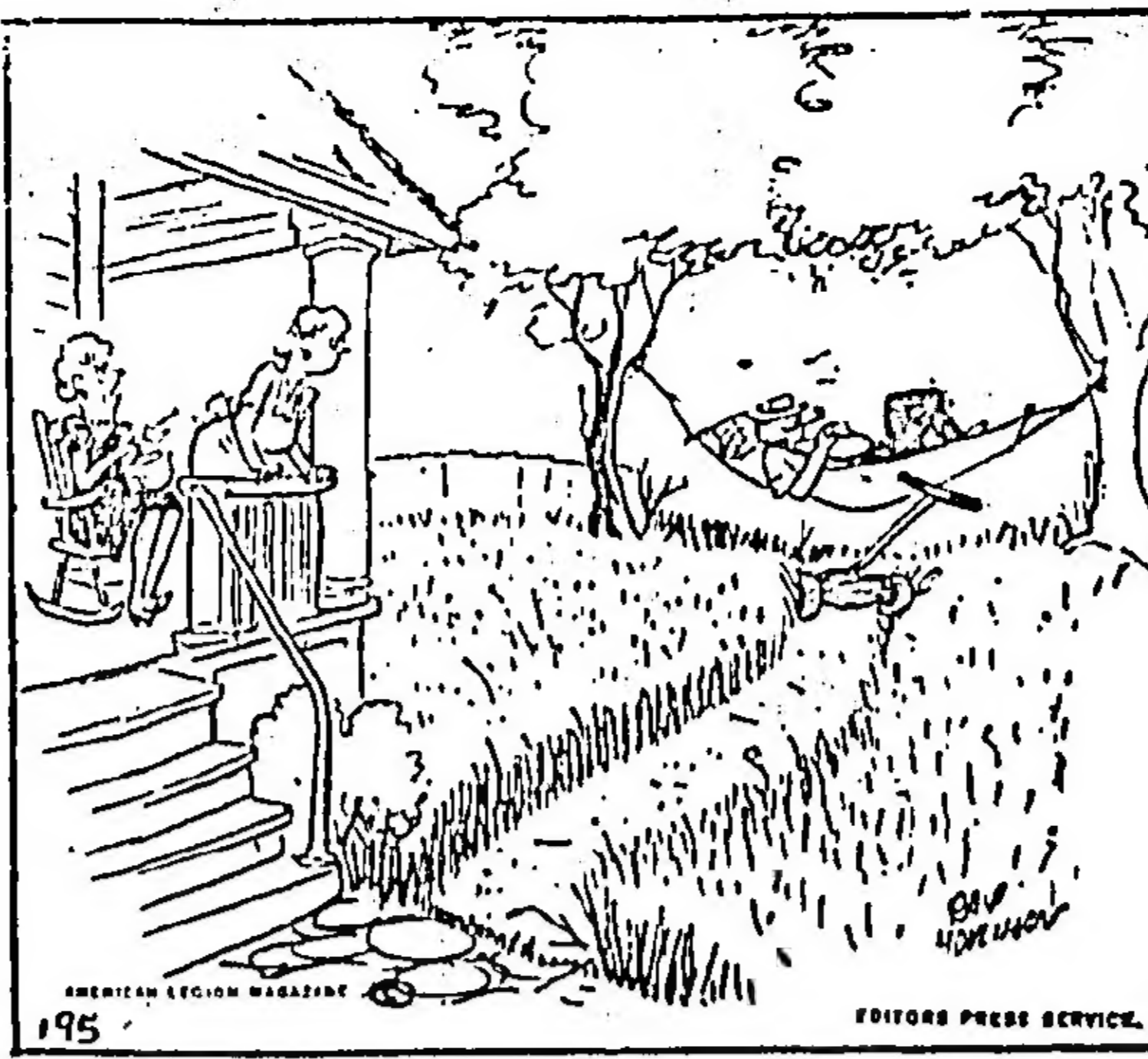
The writer said the Pope once had helped the Germans to "prepare an invasion of foggy Albion and clear for the Japanese the road to Pearl Harbour." Now, he said, the Pontiff is "preparing 'sound and fighting effects' for an armament race at which Communism is to be declared 'the heresy of current times'."

The article ridiculed the Pope and President Truman for what it said was an alliance seeking "by every means to assist the aggressive policy of American monopolies." It added the more openly the Pope "sides with the instigators of war," the sooner would millions of Roman Catholics reject their "naïve and blind faith."—Associated Press.

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

#### Answers

1. In infancy and between the ages of 15 and 35. 2. A bird. It is a large Australian kingfisher. 3. 725 miles. 4. No. It is non-poisonous and harmless to man. 5. Because they were first made at Sedan, France. 6. Allah.



"That's as far as he ever gets with it!"

## Efforts To Steal Royal Wedding Gown Design

London, Oct. 8.—The British press insinuated today that some fashion houses are conducting business along the sinister lines of prewar munitions merchants when it carried another report that efforts are being made to steal the secrets of Princess Elizabeth's wedding dress.

The Daily Express said there had been a series of attempts to bribe seamstresses, guards and other employees of Norman Hartnell's salon for even little secrets of the design "worth thousands of pounds to international fashion houses which could prepare their own Royal wedding gown model for the market well in advance of rivals."

The Sunday Pictorial claimed that "American spies" were in the capital charged with the mission of stealing the design, but that they had not had any success due to the security precautions, which were described as equivalent to those surrounding the Normandy landings.

The Daily Express said two men followed a Hartnell special guard home and offered him a "substantial sum" to let them into the salon. He told them the offer was not enough and arranged to meet them later. Then he notified his chiefs who, the newspaper said, "have direct lines to Scotland Yard."

"Last night," said the paper, "elaborate arrangements were made to detain the men if they entered the salon."

No one seemed to know whether the plan to trap the men would suffer by being printed on the front page of a newspaper with the largest circulation in the world.—United Press.

### Gift From Paris

Paris, Oct. 8.—The city of Paris will give Princess Elizabeth a dressing case as a wedding present. It was announced today.

Henri Verneille, head of the city council, will present the case to the British Ambassador, Mr Alfred Duff Cooper, next week.

The tortoise shell case is described as "a work of art of the Parisian 'luxury' industry." Each of its object will contain the city's coat of arms in gold.—Associated Press.

### No Spit And Polish

London, Oct. 8.—British soldiers were told today that they will not

## Didn't Kidnap Own Baby

Greensboro, North Carolina, Oct. 8.—Emphatically denying that he had kidnapped his 10 months' old son from his British wife, Curtis Elmer Vincent intimated today that he would fight any action brought by his wife to recover the baby.

IP MAN PING

Vincent, who was married in Leeds as an American Army private during the war, said: "My passport stated I was going to England to get my wife and child and return them to this country." He maintained the baby's photograph was on the passport and his trip with his son to the United States was entirely legal.

After attending virtually unaided to the child on the 4,000-mile flight from England, Vincent said he had taken him to a doctor here for examination.

The 25-year-old clerk was reticent in disclosing his wife's reported plan to take legal steps to regain custody of the baby and did not complain when informed that a local American consul had told her the United States government could not help her in such a project.—Associated Press.

## Mountbatten A Grandfather

London, Oct. 8.—Lord Mountbatten, Governor General of India, became a grandfather today.

Lady Mountbatten, his elder daughter, gave birth to a son.—Associated Press.

## More Greek Guerilla Activity

Athens, Oct. 8.—An assault by 500 well-equipped guerrillas highlighted increased partisan activity in Northern and Central Greece, press dispatches reported today.

Reports from Salonika said rebels in the Komotini area on Monday night attacked the town of Xydia "in waves" under cover of a heavy mortar barrage. Guerrillas defended the town until reinforcements arrived. The attackers withdrew, reportedly losing at least 30 dead.

Other guerrillas in the same area attacked Lamias.

The Ministry of Public Order, reported that troops had discovered more than 20 mines between the stations of Poreo and Agia in eastern Macedonia, and that the railway bridge between Salonika and Alexandropolis had been blown up.

Dispatches from Yannina reported that the rebels suffered heavy losses in a clash at Tsouli, in the Zagoria area. No details were available of the Army's operation in Central Greece, where the independent newspaper Vima said at least 1,500 guerrillas had been encircled west of Lania.

The leftist press today played up a statement by Nicos Zachariades, Secretary General of the Greek Communist Party, which called on the Greeks to defend their independence and democracy. Zachariades said the first step for saving Greece was the creation of a "free Greece" with its own government.

Premier Sofoulis described the statement as a Communist attempt to increase terrorism.—United Press.

## STAR

2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.

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